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APPLICANT: THIELE, et al.
TITLE: NOVEL ACETALDEHYDE AND MALONDIALDEHYDE PROTEIN
ADDUCTS AS MARKERS FOR ALCOHOL LIVER DISEASE
DIVISIONAL APPLICATION OF SERIAL NO. 08/817,018

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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